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8 Proposed Accountants for Rosendo Gonzalez,  
9 Chapter 7 Trustee

10 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
11 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
12 **LOS ANGELES DIVISION**

13 In re

14 **BEVERLY MONIQUE MURRAY-**  
15 **CALCOTE,**

16 Debtor.

Case No.: 2:17-bk-11972-RK

Chapter 7

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY  
CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE FOR  
AUTHORIZATION TO EMPLOY  
GROBSTEIN TEEPLE LLP, AS  
ACCOUNTANTS**

[No Hearing Requested]

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20 **TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT N. KWAN, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE;**  
21 **THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE; THE DEBTORS; AND PARTIES**  
22 **ENTITLED TO NOTICE:**

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24 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Rosendo Gonzalez, the court-appointed chapter 7 trustee (the  
25 “Trustee”) for the bankruptcy estate (the “Estate”) of Beverly Monique Murray-Calcote (“Debtor”),  
26 has filed an Application for entry of a Court Order authorizing the employment of Grobstein Teeple  
27 LLP (“GT” or “Firm”) as the Trustee’s accountants in this case pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327 (the  
28 “Application”).

1 The Application is based upon this Notice, the Declaration of Howard B. Grobstein, the  
2 pleadings and filed in the bankruptcy estate of the above-captioned Debtor, and upon such further oral  
3 and documentary evidence as may be presented to the Court. The effective date of employment is  
4 August 16, 2017.

5 The Trustee proposes to employ GT to provide the following specific acts:

- 6 a. Obtain and evaluate financial records;
- 7 b. Evaluate assets and liabilities of Debtor and Estate;
- 8 c. Evaluate tax issues related to the Debtor and Estate;
- 9 d. Prepare tax returns;
- 10 e. Evaluate avoidable transactions;
- 11 f. Provide litigation consulting if required; and
- 12 g. Provide accounting and consulting services requested by the Applicant and  
13 his counsel.

14 The Firm's resume is attached to the Application as Exhibit A. A schedule of the current rates  
15 charged by the accountants and paraprofessionals of the Firm is attached to the Application as Exhibit  
16 B, which rates are subject to periodic adjustment.

17 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT** the Applicant proposes to retain GT upon the  
18 following basis: Except as the Court may otherwise determine, after due notice, GT will petition the  
19 Court under 11 U.S.C. Sections 330 for an allowance of fees and reimbursable costs not more often  
20 than every 120 days. The petition will be heard upon notice to necessary parties. GT will accept  
21 compensation and reimbursements of expenses in such amounts that the Court may award. There will  
22 be no written employment agreement apart from this Application. The only source of payment or  
23 compensation will be the estate. No retainer has been paid or is being proposed to GT. The Firm has  
24 no agreement to share any compensation for services that have been rendered to date or that will be  
25 rendered in the future in any capacity in connection with this case with any other individual or entity,  
26 except as among and between the Firm's members and employees.

27 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT** that any response and request for hearing as  
28 to the proposed employment must be in the form as required by Local Bankruptcy Ruled 2014-1(b)

1 9013-1(f) and (o) and filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court, at 255 E. Temple Street, Room  
2 940, Los Angeles, California 90012. The Deadline for any response and request for hearing is 14 days  
3 after the date of service of this Notice, plus an additional 3 days unless this Notice was served by  
4 personal delivery of posting as described in F.R.Civ.P.5(b)(2)(A)-(B). A copy of any response or  
5 request for hearing must be served on Gonzalez & Associates to the attention of Rosendo Gonzalez at  
6 530 S. Hewitt Street, Suite 148, Los Angeles, CA 90013 and Grobstein Teeple LLP at the address  
7 indicated in the upper left corner of the first page of this Notice. A copy must also be served on the  
8 Office of the United States Trustee, 915 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1850, Los Angeles, California 90017.  
9 Failure to timely respond may be deemed as acceptance of the proposed employment. See Local Rules  
10 9013-1(h).

11 You may obtain a copy of the Trustee's Application by making a written request at the address  
12 indicated in the upper left corner of the first page of this Notice. You may obtain copies of all pleadings  
13 on the Debtor's case from the Clerk's office.

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15 Dated: August 18, 2017

Grobstein Teeple LLP

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18 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
19 Howard B. Grobstein  
20 Proposed Accountant for  
Rosendo Gonzalez

21 Mailing Date: August 18, 2017  
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# EXHIBIT A

## **FIRM BIOGRAPHIES**

### **PARTNERS**

**HOWARD B. GROBSTEIN, CPA/CFF, CFE**, California State University Northridge (B.S. Accountancy, 1994) is a Partner in the Firm. He has acted as a Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 Trustee and Chapter 11 Examiner in the Central and Northern Districts of California. He has testified as an expert witness in District, Bankruptcy and State court cases. Mr. Grobstein has conducted numerous fraud investigations. He is a member of the Board of Directors and past chair of the Los Angeles/Orange County Chapter of the California Receiver's Forum. He was President of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum for 2013. Mr. Grobstein was the Treasurer of the Los Angeles/Orange County chapter of the Turnaround Management Association.

**BENJAMIN L. HOWARD, CPA**, University of Denver (M.A. Accountancy and B.S. Accountancy) is a Partner in the Firm. Mr. Howard has over 10 years of experience in bankruptcy, litigation support and forensic accounting services.

**JOSHUA TEEPLE, CPA/CFF, CFE, CISA, CITP**, University of Colorado, Boulder (B.S. Business Administration, 1997) is a Partner in the Firm. Mr. Teeple specializes in providing forensic accounting and forensic technology services. He has testified as an expert witness in such matters. Mr. Teeple has conducted multiple fraud investigations and regularly provides litigation consulting services.

**ALEX RACHMANONY, CPA**, California State University, Los Angeles (B.S. in Accountancy, 1988) is a Partner in the Firm. Mr. Rachmanony has over 20 years of experience providing financial reporting for audits and reviews, obtaining financing, financial benchmarking, profitability studies and reconciliations, financial forecasting and projecting, tax planning and compliance, and tax audit representation.

**KERMITH BOFFILL, CPA**, California State University Northridge (B.S. in Accountancy, 2007) is a Senior Tax Consultant with the Firm. Mr. Boffill worked in private accounting for thirteen years before starting his career in public accounting in March 2006. Mr. Boffill has worked on a variety of audit and taxation engagements specializing in taxation of entities and individuals. Mr. Boffill has experience in bankruptcy matters including individual liquidations, corporate reorganizations and liquidations.

## **FIRM BIOGRAPHIES**

### **PROFESSIONALS**

**RYAN ALLEN**, California Lutheran University, (B.S., Accounting) is a Senior Consultant in the Firm.

**KIM BIRD**, California State, Fullerton (BA, Communications), is a consultant in the firm. Ms. Bird has experience in Business Management, payroll preparation, and book reconciliation.

**JESSIE CHUN**, The University of California, Los Angeles (Accounting) and University of San Diego (B.A., History) is a Consultant in the Firm. Ms. Chun has experience in payroll preparation, sales reconciliations, and preparing financial statements.

**STEVEN GODOY, MSA**, San Diego State University (M.S. Accountancy- Accounting Information Systems) and San Diego State University (B.S. Business Administration-Accounting) is a Consultant with the firm. Mr. Godoy has experience with not-for-profit accounting, accounting information systems, and process improvements. He is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, the Association of Latino Professionals For America, and the California Society of CPAs. He is currently a CPA Candidate with the California Board of Accountancy.

**BRIAN LUNDEEN, M.A.S., CFE** Northern Illinois University (Master of Accountancy Sciences, Accountancy, 2009) and Northern Illinois University (B.S., Accountancy, 2008) is a Manager with the Firm. Mr. Lundeen specializes in providing forensic accounting, litigation support, and fraud investigation services. He is a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the Turnaround Management Association, the California Receivers Forum, and the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum.

**KEVIN MEACHAM**, California State University, Northridge (B.S. Information Systems with an Option in Business) is a Consultant in the Firm. Mr. Meacham is knowledgeable in network technologies, database management, application development, business intelligence, IT audit, enterprise resource planning, project management, and IT security. He has experience in bank record reconstructions for numerous accounts related to fraudulent transactions. He is a member of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) and Management Information Systems Association (MISA) at California State University, Northridge.

**FIRM BIOGRAPHIES**

**LUCIA MIER**, Santa Monica Community College (AA, Accounting, 2009) is a Consultant in the Firm. Ms. Mier has experience with assisting in preparation of tax return for entities and individuals.

**TRACEY MUGA**, California State University, Northridge (B.S. Family and Environmental Studies with an Option in Business, 1994) is a Consultant with the Firm. Ms. Muga currently is an Auditor for the California Parent Teacher Association. She is bilingual in English and Spanish.

**JACQUELYN NICOLL**, California State University, Northridge (Masters of Public Administration with emphasis in Management & Leadership) is a Consultant in the Firm.

**STEVEN ROOPENIAN, CFE**, California State University, Long Beach (B.S. Business Management) is a Manager in the Firm. Mr. Roopenian has experience in bankruptcy, forensic accounting, and litigation support. He is a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the Turnaround Management Association, the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors, and the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum. Additionally, Mr. Roopenian assisted the treasurer of the Los Angeles/Orange County chapter of the Turnaround Management Association during his tenure.

**EDDIE SHAMAS, CPA**, California State University, Northridge (B.S. Accountancy and B.S. Finance) is a Senior Consultant in the Firm. Mr. Shamas has experience in providing assurance services to a variety of publicly traded and privately held companies in the manufacturing, distribution, retail, and service industries. He is a member of California Certified Public Accountants.

**BRIAN SIEGEL**, is a Forensic Technology Consultant with the Firm. Mr. Siegel has 10 years experience in the technology field. He is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology-Information Security Systems at the University of Phoenix.

**KENNETH SOLARES**, California State University, Northridge (B.S. Finance) is a Consultant in the Firm. Mr. Solares has experience in accounting, bookkeeping, financial statement analysis and office management. Mr. Solares is a CPA Candidate with the California Board of Accountancy.

**FIRM BIOGRAPHIES**

**KAILEY WRIGHT, CIRA**, University of California, Santa Barbara (B.A., Economics, emphasis in Accounting) is a Manager with the Firm. Ms. Wright specializes in providing accounting services related to bankruptcy, forensic accounting, and litigation support for her clients. She is currently the Secretary of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum. She is an active member of the Orange County Bankruptcy Forum and International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation.

**PARAPROFESSIONALS**

**WENDI CARRANZA**, Southern California College of Business and Law (A.A., Paralegal Studies) is an Assistant Trustee Administrator in our Riverside office.

**SHEENA SKURO**, West Los Angeles College, (A.A., Paralegal Studies) is a Trustee Administrator with the Firm.

**DEBRA DYNABURSKY**, Los Angeles Valley College, (A.A., Business Administration: Accounting) is an Administrator with the Firm.



# EXHIBIT B

**GROBSTEIN TEEPLE LLP**

**FIRM BILLING RATES**

**Partners and Directors**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>
Boffill, Kermith	\$300.00
Grobstein, Howard	\$425.00
Howard, Benjamin	\$350.00
Leonard, Jeffrey	\$340.00
Rachmanony, Alex	\$325.00
Stake, Kurt	\$375.00
Teeple, Joshua	\$375.00

**Managing Consultants**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>
Kaufman, Matthew	\$250.00
Lundeen, Brian	\$255.00
Roopenian, Steven	\$255.00
Shamas, Eddie	\$200.00
Wright, Kailey	\$255.00

**Consultants**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>
Allen, Ryan	\$185.00
Bird, Kimberly	\$100.00
Chun, Jessie	\$165.00
Godoy, Steven	\$185.00
Meacham, Kevin	\$185.00
Mier, Lucia	\$175.00
Muga, Tracey	\$175.00
Nicoll, Jacquelyn	\$100.00
Siegel, Brian	\$200.00
Solares, Kenneth	\$175.00

**Administrators**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>
Carranza, Wendi	\$100.00
Dynabursky, Debra	\$100.00
Skuro, Sheena	\$100.00

## PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:

6300 Canoga Avenue, Suite 1500W, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (specify): **NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EMPLOY GROBSTEIN TEEPLE LLP, AS ACCOUNTANTS** will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

**1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF):** Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On August 18, 2017, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

Jeremy Faith	Jeremy@MarguliesFaithlaw.com, Helen@MarguliesFaithlaw.com; Noreen@MarguliesFaithlaw.com;Victoria@MarguliesFaithlaw.com; Brian@MarguliesFaithlaw.com
Julie J Villalobos	julie@oaktreelaw.com, oakecfmail@gmail.com;r51108@notify.bestcase.com
Noreen A Madoyan	Noreen@MarguliesFaithLaw.com, Helen@MarguliesFaithlaw.com; Victoria@MarguliesFaithlaw.com;Brian@MarguliesFaithlaw.com
Rosendo Gonzalez	rgonzalez@ecf.epiqsystems.com, vbowen@gonzalezplc.com, khernandez@gonzalezplc.com,rossgonzalez@gonzalezplc.com
United States Trustee	ustpregion16.la.ecf@usdoj.gov
Zann R Welch	ecfnotices@ascensioncapitalgroup.com

☐ Service information continued on attached page

### **2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL:**

On August 18, 2017, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

<u>Debtor</u>	Honorable Robert N. Kwan
Beverly Monique Murray-Calcote	US Bankruptcy Court
3166 West Ave M-2	255 E. Temple Street, Suite 1682
Lancaster, CA 93536	Courtroom 1675
	Los Angeles, CA 90012

☒ Service information continued on attached page

**3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL** (state method for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (date) \_\_\_\_\_, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

8/18/2017	DEBRA DYNABURSKY	/s/ DEBRA DYNABURSKY
Date	Printed Name	Signature

Label Matrix for local noticing  
0973-2  
Case 2:17-bk-11972-RK  
Central District of California  
Los Angeles  
Thu Aug 17 15:18:08 PDT 2017

BMW Bank of North America  
c/o Ascension Capital Group  
P.O. Box 165028  
Irving, TX 75016-5028

Los Angeles Division  
255 East Temple Street,  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3332

(p)BANK OF AMERICA  
PO BOX 982238  
EL PASO TX 79998-2238

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PO BOX 26249  
Tampa FL 33623-6249

BMW Financial Services  
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PO BOX 6042  
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Larnita A Pette  
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Carlsbad CA 92008-1211

Los Angeles Police FCU  
16150 Sherman Way  
Van Nuys, CA 91406-3938

Nationstar Mortgage  
PO BOX 619063  
Dallas, TX 75261-9063

Unify Financial Credit Union  
PO BOX 10018  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90267-7518

United States Trustee (LA)  
915 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1850  
Los Angeles, CA 90017-3560

Beverly Monique Murray-Calcote  
3166 West Ave M-2  
Lancaster, CA 93536-2841

Julie J Villalobos  
Oaktree Law  
10900 183rd St Ste 270  
Cerritos, CA 90703-5343

Rosendo Gonzalez (TR)  
Gonzalez & Associates  
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Los Angeles, CA 90013-1906

The preferred mailing address (p) above has been substituted for the following entity/entities as so specified  
by said entity/entities in a Notice of Address filed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 342(f) and Fed.R.Bank.P. 2002 (g)(4).

AAA Financial Services  
PO BOX 982235  
El Paso, TX 79998

The following recipients may be/have been bypassed for notice due to an undeliverable (u) or duplicate (d) address.

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